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County of Origin Labeling Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA William T. Session, Associate Deputy of Administration STOP 0249 Room 2092-S 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Session:

I am and have been, for all my adult life, a producer of pecans in the Middle Georgia area. Because the value of our product is solely dependent on supply and demand, and competition from cheaper...not better...producers from outside the US is increasing, I would like to express my belief that pecans should be added to the list of products covered in the County of Origin Bill. By so doing, consumers will be given the greatest opportunity to make intelligent choices concerning the products they purchase.

Thank you for your kind consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Lamar